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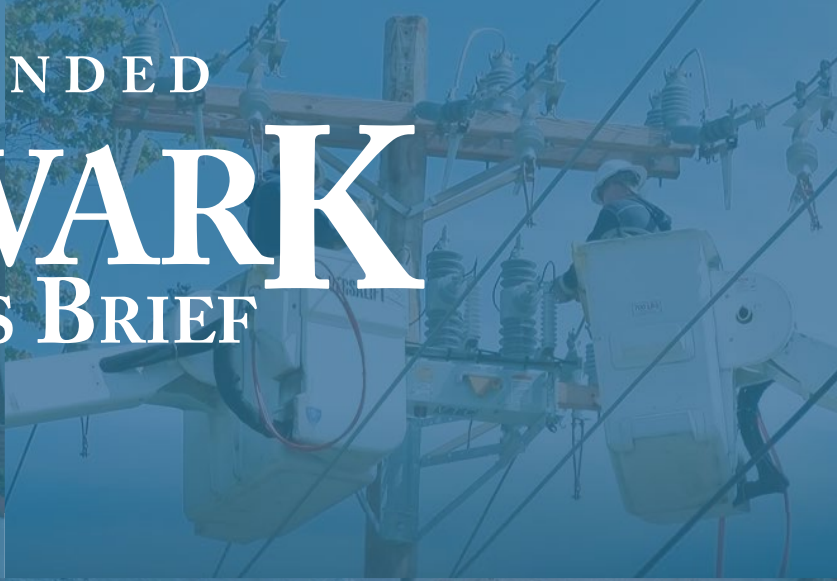
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Repurposing the Rodney Dorm Site for Good



Various Funding Options Considered for Capital Projects



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NEWARK REFERENDUM

The City of Newark will ask residents to go to the polls again this year on Tuesday, June 19. Residents will have an opportunity to vote in a referendum seeking approval to borrow money for several capital projects, including the proposed stormwater pond project at the former Rodney dorm site.



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Questions about the upcoming referendum can be sent to AskNewark@newark.de.us

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Several Capital Projects May Receive Funding Through Bond Financing

Message from the Acting City Manager

Valued neighbors,

For nearly two decades, the City of Newark has relied on cash reserves to fund capital and infrastructure projects necessary to ensure the services we provide to our residents live up to the level of excellence you've come to expect.

During the most recent budget season, City staff presented a different way to fund these projects that allows the costs to be spread out over a longer period of time. This approach of debt financing accomplishes two goals. One goal is to fairly allocate the cost of a project over its useful life. This allows everyone to pay their fair share of the project's cost. The other goal is keeping the City's annual revenue requirements as low as possible, as long-term debt has a minimal impact on the annual budget. Reduced revenue needs translates directly into lower utility and tax rates, and fees the City must charge for the services we provide.

Over the past several months, the City held town hall forums and public meetings on this issue to educate residents and ensure eligible voters are engaged in the process so they can head to the polls informed on the issues before they cast their vote.

For those who were unable to join us in person, we've put together this magazine to go over the various topics discussed and projects included in our request for funds during the referendum. I hope you'll read through the articles to learn more and let your voice be heard by coming out to vote on Tuesday, June 19.

If you have any questions or want more information, you may visit us online at newarkde.gov/vote, email us at AskNewark@newark.de.us, call us at 302-366-7000, or visit us in person, Monday – Friday at 220 S. Main Street.

Sincerely,

Tom Coleman



Newark Sees First Referendum in Nearly Twenty Years

Last referendum in 2001 provided funds to construct the Newark Reservoir

Following an affirmative vote by Council this January, the City began taking the necessary planning steps regarding a possible referendum to be held on Tuesday, June 19. In May, Council approved the questions to be included in the referendum, which address the City's ability to seek approval to borrow money for several capital projects, including the proposed stormwater pond project at the former Rodney dorm site.



The City of Newark charter defines capital as, "any project or equipment, including any extension or addition thereto or thereof, having a life expectancy in excess of, or to be financed over a period greater than six years, or a value exceeding \$20,000."

"For us, capital projects are usually related to infrastructure – things like electric lines, water and sewer mains and road construction," explains acting City Manager Tom Coleman. "The large majority of our capital spending is going to be on items like this, mainly because these items are very expensive, we have a lot of them, and like your house or car, need to be maintained or replaced periodically."

In total, the City estimates the current replacement value of its infrastructure and capital assets at around half a billion dollars, or over \$15,000 worth of infrastructure for every resident in Newark.

"The vast majority of it is underground, or at least out of sight and out of mind," said Coleman. "So, it's easy to forget about it unless you hit a pothole with your car, your toilet won't flush or the lights go out."

Historically, the City has not had to pay for most infrastructure because it was paid for by developers or the federal government through grants during initial installation. And, with a handful of exceptions, when capital projects did get approved for funding in the budget, they were paid for with cash reserves.

"Because of this, our rate and tax structure has never had to pay for most of this infrastructure," said Coleman. "Yet, our revenue demands are going to increase significantly over the next 20 years, as Newark approaches the first replacement cycle for most assets."

Assuming a positive result in the referendum, the City will work with Council to proceed with securing financing for the various projects. If the referendum fails, the City will need to reconsider the capital budget and work with Council to reprioritize and potentially raise additional revenue through rate and tax increases.

For more information on the referendum process, the projects included in the referendum and upcoming town hall events, please visit www.newarkde.gov/vote.

A Balanced Approach to City’s Annual Budget Process

Debt-financing sought to provide greater equity among residents

Newark residents are scheduled to go to the polls on Tuesday, June 19, for a referendum that addresses the City’s ability to seek approval to borrow up to \$26,765,000 for several capital projects.

“Debt financing is similar to obtaining a mortgage on your house,” explains Finance Director David Del Grande. “Most people don’t have cash to purchase their home, so they take out a loan and pay that money back over the course of 20 – 30 years. That’s what we’re hoping to do in Newark with several capital projects and the proposed stormwater pond at the former Rodney dorm site.”

In addition to providing an opportunity to tackle a greater number of projects, debt financing provides a balanced approach to the City’s annual budget process.

“Debt financing accomplishes two main goals,” Del Grande says. “First, it fairly allocates the cost of a project over its useful life, allowing everyone to pay their fair share of the project’s cost over the period the asset is in use. Second, long-term debt has a reduced impact on the annual budget, thereby keeping the City’s annual revenue requirements lower. Reduced revenue requirements

translate directly into lower utility and tax rates, and fees the City must charge for the services we provide.”

There are three primary debt funding options available to the City to help finance its capital projects: the State Revolving Loan Program, bond financing and a standard bank loan.

The state’s revolving loan program is the most advantageous method for the City to finance water-related projects. Due to Federal support, the state is able to competitively offer low-interest loans to all government agencies within the state. Another advantage to this program is that it permits interest-only loans during the construction phase. This provides budget relief to the agencies awarded funds through the program.

“Our involvement in the State Revolving Loan Program also makes us eligible for future grants for our water, sewer and stormwater projects that we previously did not have access to,” Del Grande said.

If any of the water-related projects are not approved for a state revolving loan, the City would go to the bond market, or go with a bank loan.

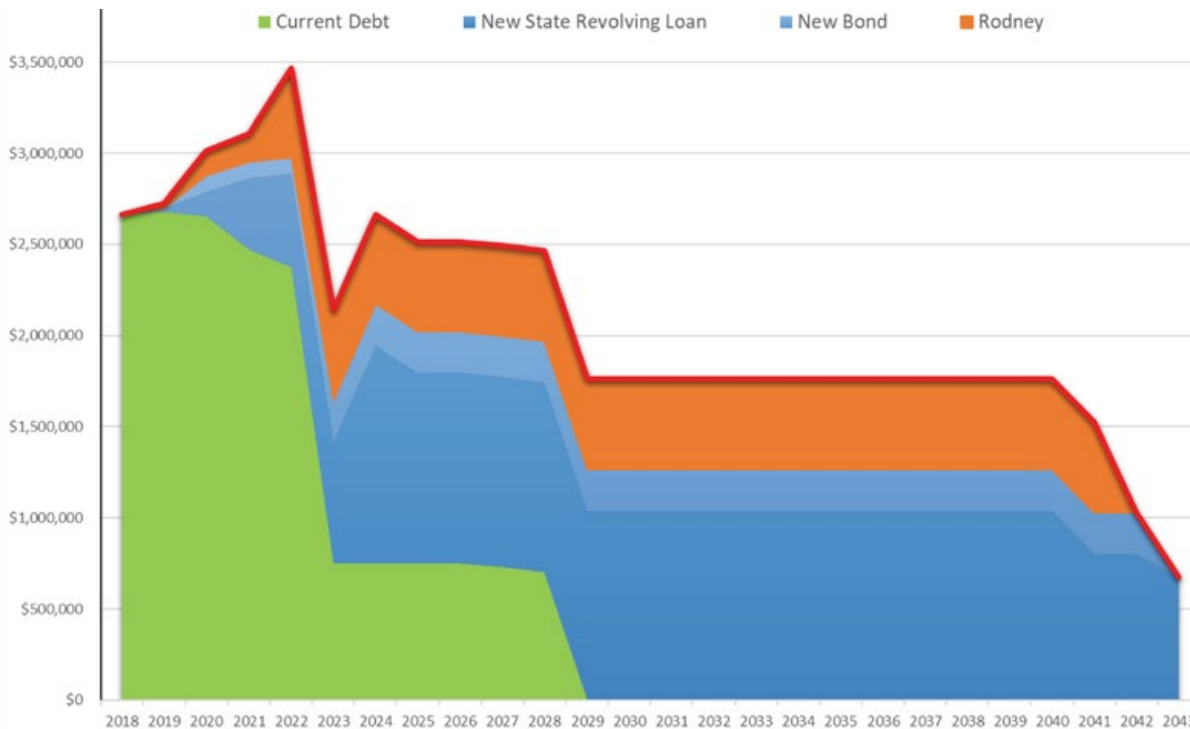


Figure 1: Annual Debt Service

The referendum helps allocate the City’s financial obligation across the next 20+ years to share costs equitably and fairly. Newark’s current debt service of \$2.7M would increase to about \$3.5M in 2022, then drop in the out-years.

The bond market can be a costly option due to the associated fees, if borrowing less than \$10 million (similar to the closing costs associated with a mortgage), but provides a lower interest rate than a traditional bank loan. So, even with higher fees, a bond authorization is generally less expensive than a bank loan when factoring in interest rates, when borrowing more than \$10 million.

“The City currently benefits from a bond rating of AA+ from FitchRatings and AA2 from Moody’s Investor Services,” Del Grande said. “We would need to be reaffirmed by the rating agencies if we were to go out to the bond market for a new authorization.”

A bank loan is another viable option for the City to consider. Although bank loans carry a higher interest rate than bonds, they don’t have high fees to go along with them. Fees for a bank loan could be \$100,000 less than a bond. Lower fees, when borrowing smaller amounts of money (under \$10 million), make loans more advantageous to pursue than a full bond offering.

The City’s current loan obligations are around \$15 million. The referendum would help allocate the financial obligation across the next 20+ years to share costs equitably and fairly. Newark’s current debt service of \$2.7M would increase to about \$3.5M in 2022, then drop in the out-years, as shown in Figure 1 (page 5). While construction on the projects is occurring, the City is only responsible for paying interest on its loans, so there is also a slight spike in 2024, when the projects are expected to be completed and the City is responsible for paying on both the principle and interest combined going forward.

“If we paid strictly cash for these \$26.7M in projects between now and 2022, our “revenue requirement” increases substantially over the next four years, then tapers off when we get past 2023,” said Del Grande. “The projects get completed, but raising such a large amount of cash in a short period would be challenge if the projects were to continue as required.

“Revenue needs would increase from \$2.7 to \$5.3 million in 2018, then increase to \$12.5M in 2019. It steps down to \$9M in 2020, \$5.6M in 2021, and \$7.1M in 2022 before going all the way back to \$752K in 2023. This is a bumpy ride that would not work for anyone’s financial plan.”

Assuming no other fees were changed, what would Newark’s estimated tax and utility rates look like if the City continued with these projects? **Table 1** represents the City paying cash for everything mentioned. Due to the cash

Table 1: Cash Finance

Fee	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Water	0.0%	26.6%	14.6%	-18.4%	-15.6%
Sewer	0.0%	18.9%	-6.1%	2.6%	-12.7%
Stormwater	0.0%	107.6%	174.4%	-75.1%	-29.5%
Electric	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Tax	0.0%	31.9%	-15.6%	-2.2%	-8.2%
	0.0%	12.7%	2.0%	-7.2%	-6.2%

Table 2: Debt Finance

Fee	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Water	0.0%	1.0%	1.5%	2.6%	2.6%
Sewer	0.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Stormwater	0.0%	36.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Electric	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Tax	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%
	0.0%	1.0%	0.4%	0.5%	0.8%

requirements each year, rates would fluctuate greatly until the projects were completed. Large increases would be followed by large reductions in subsequent years. The net overall impact would be a 12.7% increase for the average City resident in 2019, factoring in water, sewer, stormwater, electric and property tax.

In Table 2, with the use of debt financing, the City estimates modest rate increases, if necessary, to cover estimated debt service payments. In the debt scenario, stormwater increases, the greatest in 2019, which equates to just over \$1 for the residential homeowner. All other rates see increases between one and 2.6% between 2019 and 2022.

Currently, the average household pays just over \$276 per month in utilities and real estate taxes. If all projects are approved without debt funding, that would increase by about \$35 per household per month in 2019, based on current estimates. That monthly impact for cash financing would spike in 2020 to \$317, before coming back down to the 2018 level in 2022.

Using debt service, the \$276 monthly cost for our average household will peak at \$284 in 2022 once the projects are completed.

“The debt service model presents a steadier means to incorporate these projects into our annual budget, as it does not have a significant impact on our revenue requirements,” Del Grande said. “Debt service also ensures those using our assets ten years from now are paying their fair share of the projects vs. today’s residents and businesses incurring the full costs.”

Referendum Voters Differ from Typical Elections

Residents and property owners eligible to vote

The City of Newark will hold a referendum on Tuesday, June 19, but unlike a typical election, those eligible to vote include residents of the City, non-resident property owners, corporations, limited liability companies and partnerships. The requirements for residents to be considered eligible include: you must be at least 18 years old by the date of the referendum, you must be a U.S. citizen, you must have established residency in the city for at least 24 days prior to the referendum, and you must be registered to vote (voter registration for the referendum closed on Tuesday, May 29, 2018).



Voters will be asked to vote separately for or against a bond/certificate of indebtedness on the following issues: the Rodney Stormwater Facility (\$6.5 million), Rodney Park Amenities (\$2.5 million), 2018-2022 Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Program Projects (\$15.6 million), and other 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Program Projects (\$3 million).

Eligible voters who are unable to vote on the day of the referendum may request an absentee ballot. To request an absentee ballot, there is an online form voters can print out (www.newarkde.gov/absentee), and send to the City Secretary's office at: City of Newark, City Secretary's Office, 220 S. Main St., Newark, DE 19711. Eligible voters may also stop by the office between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, where they may vote in person and have their ballot notarized. All absentee ballots must be returned to the City Secretary's office no later than 5 p.m. the day of the election.

Polls will open at 7 a.m. on the 19th and close at 8 p.m. The polling places are as follows:

- District 1 - Wesleyan Church of Newark, 708 W. Church Road
- District 2 - Aetna Fire Station #8, 410 Ogletown Road
- District 3 - Aetna Fire Station #7, 7 Thorn Lane
- District 4 - First Church of Christ, Scientist, 48 W. Park Place
- District 5 - First Presbyterian Church, Memorial Hall, 292 W. Main Street
- District 6 - First Church of the Nazarene, 357 Paper Mill Road
- Non-resident property owners - Council Chambers, Newark Municipal Building, 220 S. Main Street

For help identifying your district, please view the City of Newark Voting 2018 map at www.newarkde.gov/maps. For more information regarding voter eligibility or City elections, please call the City Secretary's office at 302-366-7000.

State Revolving Loans Could Fund Water-Related City Projects

Competitive loans offer low interest rates & closing costs

During the development of the 2018 budget, several capital projects were identified as being good candidates for the State Revolving Loan (SRL) program. Due to federal support, the state can competitively offer low-interest loans to all government agencies within Delaware.

“It’s the most advantageous method for us to finance all of our water-related projects,” said acting City Manager Tom Coleman. “However, since these loans are competitive in nature, not all applications are approved.”

The low interest rates and closing costs associated with these loans make them extremely attractive, especially when the rates in the bond market begin to rise. Another advantage to the SRL program is it permits interest-only loans during the construction phase in order to provide budget relief to the agencies that are awarded funds.

“Due to our involvement in the SRL program, the City will also be eligible in the future for grants for our water, sewer and stormwater projects that we previously did not have access to,” explains Finance Director David Del Grande.

The projects currently slated for possible funding through the SLR program include:

Rodney Regional Stormwater Park (\$9M): The Public Works and Water Resources (PWWR) Department has worked with the public, Council, Parks and Recreation, and our consultant JMT to investigate the purchase of the

shuttered Rodney Dorms in order to turn them into a state of the art stormwater pond and park (see full article on page 10).



Sanitary Sewer Study and Rehabilitation (\$3.9M): Each year, the PWWR Department plans to visually inspect 5 – 10% of the sanitary sewer system and address the deficiencies through a combination of repair, lining, and replacement.

Laird Tract Well Field Restoration (\$1.925M): The project will provide the City with the ability to utilize groundwater capacity associated with existing public supply wells located in the City’s Laird Tract Well Field, which is within the protected White Clay Creek Valley.

A vibrant graphic for the Spring Concert Series. The background is a mix of yellow, pink, and blue geometric shapes. Scattered throughout are white musical notes and symbols. The text is centered and reads: "SPRING CONCERT SERIES" in large white letters, followed by "THURSDAYS • MAY 3 - JUNE 21 • 7 - 8 PM" and "ACADEMY BUILDING LAWN" in smaller white letters.

Water Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System (\$550K): Development of a SCADA system for the PWWR Department will allow the City to more efficiently and effectively manage and monitor the water system (i.e. treatment plants, water storage tanks, booster stations and wells).



South Well Field Upgrades (\$3M): This project will allow the City to continue to utilize the South Well Field Water Treatment Plant at full capacity. A replacement air stripper and storage tank reconfiguration will allow for the treatment of wells currently out of service but still connected to the plant.



Water Main Replacement (\$4M): A large percentage of the water mains in Newark are approaching or beyond their expected service life. This project involves either replacing mains or lining the interior to minimize main breaks, improve water quality, and improve hydrant.

Water Tank Maintenance (\$2.25M): In order to function over their expected service life, water storage tanks must be repaired and painted periodically. The Public Works and Water Resources department will evaluate the age and coating conditions of the City's seven water tanks and recommend repairs or replacement based on the most cost-effective option.

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Repurposing the Rodney Dorm Site for Good

Proposed plan addresses stormwater needs, incorporates urban parkland

Since closing in the spring of 2015, the Rodney dormitories on Hillside Road have sat vacant, blocked off by a chain-linked fence. But could the site be getting a makeover? Pending affirmative votes during the City's upcoming referendum scheduled for Tuesday, June 19, the 7.24-acre site may transform into a stormwater pond and urban park.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the City to acquire a piece of land well-situated to help achieve stormwater quality and quantity improvements," said acting City Manager Tom Coleman. "This parcel sits near the top of a large drainage area where little to no stormwater controls exist. The pond would address these issues as well as showcase our educational efforts, informing residents and visitors how they can help keep our stormwater, and ultimately, our drinking water, clean and safe."

Currently, residents in nearby neighborhoods, including Devon and Old Newark, experience severe flooding during heavy rains because the current pipe system is simply overwhelmed and not equipped to handle that level of volume. By introducing a stormwater pond to the area, local flooding will substantially subside, but it will also help lessen the stress on the larger stormwater system, allowing the City to make improvements in Old Newark and Devon/Binns.

The City is currently under contract to purchase the property and has proposed a plan for development of the site, which would integrate a state of the art stormwater management facility along with recreational and educational components. During its May 14 meeting, City Council voted to amend the resolution authorizing the referendum by creating two questions specific to the Rodney site. The first is borrowing authorization for up to \$6.5 million for the purchase of land, demolition, and construction of the stormwater facility, and the second is borrowing authorization for up to \$2.5 million for development of the Rodney park. If borrowing authorization is approved through the referendum, the City would utilize the State Revolving Loan (SRL) program to buy the property, increase stormwater fees to pay back the \$6.5M and potentially rely on general fund transfers to pay back the \$2.5M.



"If the full project is approved, the stormwater fee would increase by about \$1 per month for our residential homeowner in 2019. The state has approved a special interest rate of 2% through the program for this project, and participation in the SRL would open up additional grant opportunities from the State to fund other projects, further reducing the financial burden on our community," explained Finance Director David Del Grande.

Over the past two years, City staff partnered with residents to refine the site plan to a final concept (see Figure 2, opposite page). Outside sources funded a majority of the work that has been done to date.

"We received several state planning grants and advances, as well as brownfield money, to remediate the site, plan for the referendum and complete the plans for the transformation into the stormwater pond and park," said acting Public Works & Water Resources Director Tim Filasky.

The project could also create a park close to the downtown, where there is otherwise a lack of City-owned property. The final plan includes a combination of items balancing community recreation, infrastructure and stormwater needs. Integration with the surroundings, existing conditions and consideration of environmental and natural resources are also included.

"Having the park amenities would show stormwater management does not need to be an eyesore or a burden," said Filasky. It can be incorporated into a public place for all to enjoy. This is truly a great project for the City, the residents and visitors."

Rodney Stormwater Facility (\$6.5 million)

With an affirmative vote for question one on the referendum, the City would present to Council plans to construct a stormwater facility to include:

- Drop Off/Parking – 12 Spaces (1 ADA)
- On-street Parking - +/- 26 Spaces
- Pond
- Multi-Use Trail
- Small meadow area (existing grove would also remain)



Figure 1

Rodney Park Amenities (\$2.5 million)

With an affirmative vote for question two on the referendum, the City would present to Council plans to construct an educational, urban park that, in addition to the items included as part of the stormwater facility, would also include:

- Natural Play Area with Seating and Small Pavilions
- Outdoor Classroom with Amphitheater Seating
- Rain Garden
- Accessible Fishing Pier
- Overlook Terrace
- Observation Deck
- Portable Restroom



Figure 2

Several Capital Projects May Receive Funding Through Bond Financing

Projects necessary for optimal operation of Newark are often overlooked

Several projects included in the proposed debt financing plan are necessary for City operations, yet are often prioritized lower than the utilities and other projects that require more immediate attention.

“The City reviews the entire list of potential projects to determine order of priority, expected costs and the impact on the greater community,” explains acting City Manager Tom Coleman. “Though the projects we have slated for funding through bond financing are lower priority, they are still important to address from a safety and quality of life perspective.”

Among the projects is the ADA transition plan, which has been in place for nearly a decade and utilizes city funds as well as federal block grant funds to upgrade accessibility and transportation routes to comply with current ADA



standards. To date, the City has replaced nearly 1400 of 1800 existing ramps, as well as upgraded many City-owned facilities. The City has allocated \$772,459 for this project.

Another project included in this level of funding is the Hard Surface Improvements project, which is focused on upgrading and maintaining some of the infrastructure and amenities in the City’s park system.

“We have a little over \$1.1 million allocated towards this project, which will focus on park system parking lots, trails and athletic courts,” Coleman says. “Where possible, we will combine these projects with our annual street contract to secure better pricing.”

The City’s Field Operations Complex is home to all the equipment and material used for maintaining the streets, water lines, parks and sewers. Yet, there is a lack of storage



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space to adequately and safely keep this expensive equipment out of the elements. During phase one of a master plan to address this issue, the City built a new salt shed. Phase two will demolish a warehouse, which has partially collapsed, and replace it with a more functional bay system at a cost of \$295,000.

Additional projects slated for funding through bond financing include:

- Truck Lift Systems Improvements (\$124,549)
- Rebuilding of the rear concrete deck and stairs at the Municipal Building (\$50,000)
- Parking Lot Surface Maintenance (Downtown Lots 3 & 4) (\$232,740)
- Road repaving projects (\$390,252)



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New Year Fitness Week • Jan. 2 - 10 • George Wilson Center
Volunteer Appreciation & Fair • Jan. 13 • 9 - 11 a.m. • George Wilson Center
Restaurant Week • Jan. 15 - 21 • Downtown Newark

FEBRUARY

Family Night at the G.W.C
Outdoor Adventure Showcase

MARCH

Spring Clean Out • March 3 • 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. • George Wilson Center
Summer Camp Fair • March 17 • 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. • UD Roselle Center for the Arts
Egg Hunt • March 24 • 10 a.m. • White Clay Creek State Park
Five & Wine / Wine & Dine • March 24 • 9 a.m. & 12 p.m. • Main Street
National Take A Walk In The Park Day • March 30 • All City Parks

APRIL

Youth Sports Week • Jr. Golf Camp • April 2 • CBK's Spring Break Basketball Camp April 3
Flag Football League Kickoff • April 7
Founder's Day Celebration • April 8 • 2 - 5 p.m. • Newark History Museum
Spring Clean Up • April 14 • 8 - 11 a.m. • City Municipal Building
Newark Community Garden Kick Off Party • April 20 • 6 - 8 p.m. • Fairfield Park
Earth Day Volunteer Day • April 21 • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. • George Wilson Center
Earth Day Painting In The Park • April 22 • 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. • George Wilson Center
Arbor Day • April 27 • 11:30 a.m. • Tree Planting at Downes Elementary

MAY

Spring Concert Series • Thursdays • May 3 - June 21 • 7 p.m. • Academy Building Lawn
Dance Recital • May 12 • 10 - 11 a.m. • Aetna Fire Hall
50th Anniversary Art Exhibit • May 19 • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. • George Wilson Center
National Park Trust 8th Annual Kids to Parks Day • May 19 • Photo Contest • All Parks
Memorial Day Ceremony & Parade • May 20 • 1 p.m. Ceremony • 2 p.m. Parade • UD Green And Main Street

JUNE

National Trails Day • Mason Dixon Trail Hike • June 2 • 9 - 11 a.m. • City Municipal Building
Mayor's Fun Ride • June 2 • 10:15 a.m. Family Fun Ride • 11 a.m. 8.5 Mi Loop • Newark Shopping Center
Fishing At Curtis Paper Mill Park • June 18 • 5 - 8 p.m. • Curtis Mill Park
Spring Concert Series • World Music Day • June 21 • 7 p.m. • Academy Building Lawn

JULY

4th of July Fireworks & Liberty Day • July 4 • 6 p.m. • UD Athletic Complex
Stargazing • July 20 • 8:30 - 10 p.m. • Newark Reservoir
Food & Brew • July 21 • 12 - 7 p.m. • Main Street
All Camp Olympics • July 26 • 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. • Handloff Park
Family Fun Night • July 27 • 5 - 7 p.m. • Handloff Park

AUGUST

National Night Out • Aug. 7 • 6 - 9 p.m. • Academy Street
Evening Swim • Aug. 10 • 5 - 7 p.m. • George Wilson Center
Full Moon Hike • Aug. 24 • 8 - 9 p.m. • Newark Reservoir
Horse Programs • Aug. 25 • Pony Up 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. • Trail Ride 12 - 1 p.m. • Sunset Stables

SEPTEMBER

National Day of Service • Sep. 11 • 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. • Olan Thomas Park & Pomeroy Trail
Community Day • Sep. 16 • 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. • UD Green
Taste of Newark • Sep. 30 • 12 - 3 p.m. • Old College Lawn

OCTOBER

Mayor's Harvest Festival • Oct. 6 • 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Olan Thomas Park
Fall Community Clean Up • Oct. 13 • 9 - 11 a.m. • City Municipal Building
Outdoor Family Movie Night • Oct. 19 • 6 - 9 p.m. • George Wilson Center
Halloween Party at GWC • Oct. 25 • 4 - 5:30 p.m. • George Wilson Center
Halloween Parade & Trick or Treat Main Street • Oct. 28 • 3 p.m. • Main Street

NOVEMBER

NewBark PawLooza • Nov. 3 • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Handloff Park
Turkey Trot • Nov. 17 • 9 a.m. • Handloff Park
Thanksgiving Day Breakfast • Nov. 22 • 8 - 10:30 a.m. • George Wilson Center

DECEMBER

Winterfest • Nov. 30 • 6 - 8 p.m. • Academy Building Lawn
Snack with Santa • Dec. 1 • 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. • George Wilson Center
Santa's Secret Shoppe • Dec. 1 • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. • George Wilson Center
New York City Trip • Dec. 8 • 7 a.m. • City Municipal Building

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